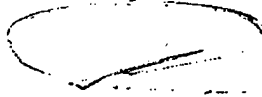


REMARKS

In regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12-16, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith and the objection to claims 6-7, 9, 11, 17-18, and 20 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicant has amended base claim 1 to include the limitations of allowed claims 6 or 7 and 9 as well as intervening claim 5, has amended base claim 12 to include the limitations of allowed claims 17 or 18 and 20, as well as intervening claim 16, and has introduced new claims 21-28, with base claim 21 including the limitations of original base claim 1 and allowed claim 11.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, therefore an early notice to this effect is courteously solicited.

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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